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"Battleground of Freedom"

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Mr. Charles E. Lee (Left), Dr. Wil Lou Gray, and Lieutenant Governor Earle Morris participated in the recent South Carolina Hall of Fame ceremony.

## SCARBC Members Participate In Hall Of Fame Ceremony

Two members of the South Carolina American Revolution Bicentennial Commission played key parts in the induction of this year's selectees to the South Carolina Hall of Fame in Myrtle Beach.

Mr. Charles Lee, Director of the Department of Archives and History, and Deputy Executive Secretary to the SCARBC, served as moderator at the February 18 ceremony. Lieutenant Governor Earle Morris, a member of the South Carolina Bicentennial Commission, was the key speaker. The Hall of Fame is being made the focal point for Bicentennial activity in the Grand Strand area.

This year's inductees to the Hall of Fame are contemporary edu-

cator Dr. Wil Lou Gray, and 19th century statesman John C. Calhoun. Mr. Harry Bryan, Director of the South Carolina Commission on Aging, commemorated Dr. Gray's many accomplishments, while Dr. Edwin Hemphill, Editor of John C. Calhoun's papers, commemorated John C. Calhoun.

During the Bicentennial Era, the Hall of Fame will house a Bicentennial display consisting of plaques depicting the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution, and flags from the thirteen original states. These flags are being donated through the Bicentennial Council of the Thirteen Original States.

## Bicentennial Funds Granted

Federal matching grants totaling \$40,000 have been approved for three Bicentennial projects in South Carolina. The grants were made by the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission to: The Ninety-Six Interpretive Project (Initial Phase); a Bicentennial film; and the Foothills Heritage Series.

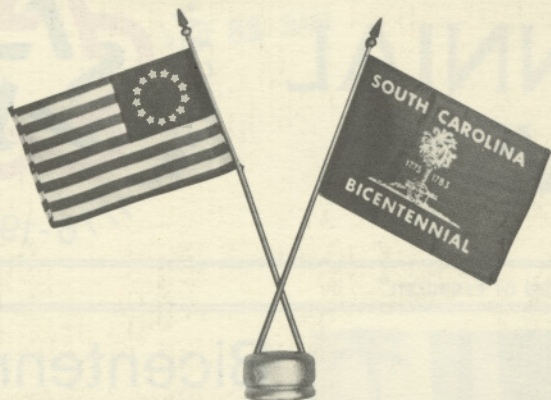
In the Ninety-Six project, an interpretation of the Revolutionary War period complex will be established at the site of Colonial Ninety-Six, two miles south of the modern city. The initial phase of the program will establish a trail system with interpretive markers, stabilize Holmes Redoubt, and explore and stabilize General Nathanael Greene's siege works.

The South Carolina American Revolution Bicentennial Commission's film will further acquaint South Carolinians with the Bicentennial commemoration.

Through the Foothills Heritage Series, 198 high school students from the Pendleton area are learning Colonial crafts, music and culture, and are being made aware of the heritage of the area. Weekend awareness workshops are being held at Clemson University for selected students from Anderson, Oconee and Pickens schools.

The \$40,000 non-appropriated monies distributed to these projects through the matching grants program, comprise South Carolina's share of the funds received from the sale of the national Bicentennial medallion.





The flag of the South Carolina American Revolution Bicentennial Commission and a replica of the traditional version of the first United States flag, are now available in a commemorative flag set from the SCARBC.

South Carolina's Bicentennial logo is featured in white against a royal blue background on the SCARBC flag. This flag and the United States flag are cross-mounted in a gold colored flag stand. The set can be used to decorate a table or desk.

These flags are available at a cost of \$2.00 plus 8¢ tax from: Flag Sets, Box 1976, Columbia, South Carolina 29202.

Funds received from the sale of the these flag sets will be used to assist worthy Bicentennial projects in South Carolina.

## Bicentennial Film Available

"200 Candles", the SCARBC's exciting film concerning South Carolina's Bicentennial is available to interested groups.

Any school group, civic club, or historical association may request a print of this 30-minute film for a free showing.

While "200 Candles" gives viewers a

stirring glimpse into South Carolina's Revolutionary War period, it also captures the ideas on freedom and the Bicentennial held by South Carolinians.

A print may be obtained by writing: "200 Candles", Box 1976, Columbia, S. C. 29202.

## John Hills Returns

John Hills, a Deputy Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (PRT) who has been on loan to the Governor's Task Force for Economic Growth, is returning to PRT as Director of Bicentennial activities.

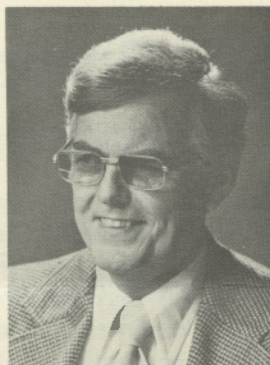
Mr. Hills served as Bicentennial Coordinator until May of 1973, when he was temporarily assigned to the Governor's Task Force for Economic Growth as a special assistant to General William Westmoreland, chairman of that body.

A native of Atlanta, Georgia, Mr. Hills graduated from the University of South Carolina and received his Master's Degree from the University of Kentucky.

He has served as the Executive Director of the Columbia Merchants Association, Business Manager of Columbia College, and as Chief Budget Officer on the staff of the State Budget and Control Board. He helped inaugurate the State Technical Education Program and served as their Director of Program Services for nearly six years.

Active in Community affairs, Mr. Hills has been president of the Columbia Rotary Club, Program chairman of the National Association of State Budget Officers, and chairman of the Board of Trenholm Road Methodist Church. Mr. Hills is now the chairman of the Bicentennial Committee of the Columbia Rotary Club.

He is married to the former Annie Martha Spell of Smoaks, South Carolina. They have one daughter.



John Hills

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## Port City Leads The Nation

A commemorative meeting of the South Carolina Legislature was the focal point of a weekend in Charleston that kicked off major Bicentennial activity for the Port City and the Nation. Charleston's Bicentennial Weekend, December 1-3, 1973, was the first major Bicentennial event in the nation.

In ceremonial splendor, South Carolina lawmakers commemorated the 200th anniversary of a general meeting in the Exchange Building December 3, 1773, to protest the British tax on tea.

The 1973 activities began when legislators assembled in historic St. Michael's Church for a special service. Mr. Charles E. Lee, Deputy Executive Secretary of the SCARBC, and the Director of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History, delivered the main address. Mr. Lee described his address as, "devotional as well as historical." Governor John C. West and the Rev. Edwin C. Coleman, Rector of the 1750 church, also participated in the ceremony. The service used was the Office of Morning Prayer from the Anglican Book of Common Prayer, similar to one that might have been used on the morning of December 3, 1773.

After the service in St. Michaels, the General Assembly marched down Broad Street to the Exchange

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## Meet Your Commissioners

The SCARBC welcomes Mr. Fred P. Brinkman, recently appointed Executive Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism. Mr. Brinkman now serves as the Executive Secretary of the Bicentennial Commission.



A native of Missouri, Mr. Brinkman graduated from Florida State University. He came to South Carolina in 1953, when he became the head of the Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce. He has served as the Director of the Ocean Highway Association, Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation and Tourism from 1967 to 1971, and the Executive Vice-President of the Greater Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Brinkman and his wife, Roberta, reside in Columbia. They have a son and a daughter.

Mrs. Allan E. Anderson, an SCARBC member from Hampton, South Carolina, graduated from Winthrop College with a B.A. in Journalism and English.



She is a reporter for the Hampton County Guardian, and a news correspondent for the State, the News and Courier, and the Savannah Morning News.

Active in civic affairs, Mrs. Anderson is a member of the Lowcountry Regional Planning Commission Historic Preservation Committee and a member and past chairman of the Hampton County Library Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have a son, Carl Anderson, who lives in Charleston.



SCARBC Chairman Bradley Morrah presents the Thomas Jefferson commemorative Bicentennial plate to Governor and Mrs. John C. West, who received it on behalf of the state.

## Morrah Presents Gift to State

The South Carolina American Revolution Bicentennial Commission recently presented Governor and Mrs. John West with a commemorative Bicentennial plate that will be permanently displayed in the Governor's Mansion.

The gift, a sterling silver plate with gold inlay, depicts Thomas Jefferson writing the Declaration of Independence. It was presented to

the Wests by Commission Chairman Bradley Morrah.

The Jefferson plate, already considered a collector's item, was a gift of the Franklin Mint through the Bicentennial Council of the 13 Original States.

South Carolina's Jefferson plate is numbered eight, representing the fact that South Carolina was the eighth state to join the Union.

## Landmark Conference Features Bicentennial

Bicentennial Planning will be the subject of the 1974 South Carolina Landmark Conference to be held May 2, 3, and 4 at Hickory Knob State Resort Park, near McCormick, S. C.

SCARBC Chairman P. Bradley Morrah and Mr. Fred Brinkman, the commission's Executive Secretary, will speak on the Bicentennial Observance in South Carolina.

The Bicentennial at the national and regional levels will be the subject of addresses by Mr. Chuck Goodspeed of the A.R.B.A. and Mr. Clifford Clarke of the Bicentennial Council of the 13 Original States.

The conference is being sponsored by the Confederation of South Carolina Local Historical So-

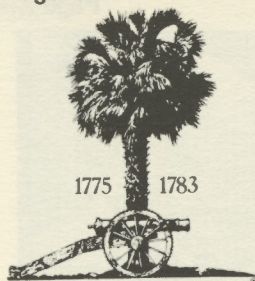
cieties, in cooperation with the South Carolina Department of Archives and History, the Abbeville County Historic Preservation Committee, and the McCormick County Historical Society.

Many specialized topics concerning the Bicentennial Observance will be discussed at the Landmark Conference.

For more information contact: Mr. Barney Slawson, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, P. O. Box 11669, Columbia, S. C. 29211.

The Bicentennial staff at the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism is located in Room 101 of the Edgar Brown Building. The telephone number is now 758-7855.





## The Bicentennial In South Carolina

South Carolina and the Nation can look forward to an exciting chapter in our history with the commemoration of America's 200th birthday in 1976. We in South Carolina will enter a Bicentennial Era in 1975 that will last until 1983.

In preparation for these special years, the South Carolina General Assembly created the South Carolina American Revolution Bicentennial Commission in 1971. The Commission was created to insure that appropriate efforts would be made at the state level to stimulate local interest in the Bicentennial in South Carolina.

The SCARBC has designated three exciting themes of commemoration for the Bicentennial Era. They are: Heritage, projects which appreciate the past; Festival, projects to celebrate the present; and Horizons, projects that will prepare for a brighter future. Projects large and small are underway that range from historic preservation to planting trees!

The Commission encourages any individual, community, or organization to commemorate the Bicentennial in any way that is deemed appropriate. Just as the American Revolution was an effort of the people, by the people, and for the people, the Bicentennial must, and will be the same. South Carolinians are heeding this challenge well.

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Building in a colorful procession through a Citadel Honor Guard.

The formal program at the Exchange Building included remarks by Governor John C. West, SCARBC Chairman Bradley Morrah, Lieutenant Governor Earle E. Morris, and Speaker of the House Rex Carter.

Chairman Morrah, who had been invited to speak at the commemorative meeting by a concurrent resolution of the Legislature,

challenged, "Officialdom in South Carolina at all levels to resolve to commemorate the occasion by undertaking lasting projects that will assure for future generations greater benefits and a higher quality of life. The time is short. May no future historian looking back on this observance record that we failed to meet the challenge," Morrah said.

Chairman Morrah's speech received a standing ovation by those present.

## Remember

*Cotton and Indigo and  
Sailing Ships—  
Hoopskirts regattas and  
Rose-hips.  
The sad song the Pine  
sings  
To the Ghost who waits in  
the wings.  
This is the year to remember  
all things  
And gather the wealth  
remembrance brings.*

*Statesmen and Soldiers and  
Planters all—  
Native sons, answered the  
call  
To stand by her side in  
Peace and war  
With as great a love as  
man ever saw.  
So pray that we keep her  
without tears  
For the next two hundred  
years.*

*Septima Palm*

## SCARBC Endorses "Meet the Americans"

The SCARBC has endorsed the "Meet the Americans" program, a project that will allow selected visitors from abroad to visit in American homes. The program in South Carolina is sponsored by the South Carolina Jaycees, the Jaycee-ettes, and the Chamber International Senator's Club.

In October of 1974, 200 foreign visitors will visit selected host families in the state.

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